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Other Donors Tie Third World Aid To U.S. Cutbacks

By Clyde H. Farnsworth
New York Times Service
ASHINGTON — Foreign aid has served notice that it will scale back their contribution to the poorer countries in proportion to any reductions made by the United States.

A Third World spokesman reacts with bitterness to the IMF's decision not to expand the allocation of special drawing rights. Page 17.



Rescuers carry a victim of a car bomb that exploded Thursday morning in West Beirut, killing at least 40 persons and wounding 247 others near the offices of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Car Bomb in West Beirut Kills 40, Wounds 247 Near Offices of PLO

United Press International
BEIRUT — A powerful car bomb exploded outside a PLO office in a densely populated Palestinian neighborhood in West Beirut on Thursday morning, killing at least 40 persons and wounding 247 others, officials said.

U.S. Will Nearly Triple Grain Offered to Russia

By Dusko Doder
Washington Post Service
MOSCOW — The Reagan administration agreed Thursday to provide an additional 15 million tons of grain to the Soviet Union during the next 12 months, boosting to a record level the availability of American wheat and corn.

Reagan Says AWACS Needed for Oil Security

By Fred Faris
International Herald Tribune
WASHINGTON — As his chief Cabinet members fought to save his proposal to sell AWACS planes to Saudi Arabia, President Reagan declared Thursday that the sale did not threaten Israel and was necessary "to defend the oil fields on which the security of the free world depends."

Iranian Raid Reported On Oil Site in Kuwait

Reuters
KUWAIT — Kuwait reported that Iranian aircraft attacked a Kuwaiti oil installation Thursday and set it ablaze.

Spy Handed Over To East Germany

Reuters
BONN — Günter Guillaume, the East German spy whose arrest in 1974 helped bring down Chancellor Willy Brandt's government, was handed over to East Germany on Thursday night as part of an East-West prisoner exchange.

Walesa Opposed in Union Election By 2 Radical Chiefs and Moderate

By John Danton
New York Times Service
GDANSK, Poland — Three Solidarity leaders entered their candidacies Thursday to oppose Lech Walesa as chairman of the union, one of them representing the same sort of moderate line as Mr. Walesa and two of them more radical.

Iran Alleges Plot
They said the attack was part of an anti-Iranian plot by the United States and Israel, with the cooperation of Britain and France. The plot was linked to recent visits to the Middle East by French President François Mitterrand, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the Iranian officials asserted.



MOURNING IN TEHRAN — Funeral ceremonies were held Thursday in Tehran for four top military leaders killed in a plane crash Tuesday. Despite the deaths, however, Iranian leaders are going ahead with elections Friday to replace slain President Mohammed Ali Rajai. Story, Page 2.

INSIDE
Printers Yield
Printers whose pay dispute threatened to close The Times of London and The Sunday Times have agreed to return to work. Page 2.

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# COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

## Cable Television Comes Into Its Own in U.S.

By David V. Jackson

CABLE television, for many years the deprived stepchild of the entertainment industry, is coming into its own in the United States.

Created in the late 1940s, cable TV by 1970 claimed only about 9 percent of the 60 million U.S. television households as customers. Ten years later, cable TV had penetrated just 22.9 percent of about 77 million TV households.

But the decade of the 1980s promises a quantum jump in the growth of cable TV. By the end of 1982, according to industry projections, 30 percent of all U.S. TV households will be "cabled," with an increase to 40 percent anticipated by 1985.

Behind these statistics lies an industry that is multifaceted and rapidly evolving.

During the dawn of the TV age in the United States — the years just after World War II — people who lived far from the few TV stations then in operation got very poor reception or no reception at all. The first cable TV systems were established in such remote areas. Their operators found the most favorable sites in those areas, put up powerful antennae and connected them via cable to their subscribers for a fee.

All of the programs received by the early subscribers to cable TV were "free," in the sense that there was no charge for the programming, only for the reception from public broadcast TV stations.

In the 1950s, various entrepreneurs sought to take advantage of cable TV's vast potential by developing additional programming for which subscribers would pay a fee. This was the birth of "pay TV," but it got off to an inauspicious start.

The TV networks that provided "free" programming and the stations that broadcast this programming were aghast at the threat they perceived in pay-TV, and they mounted an intense lobbying effort against it.

In 1966, the Federal Communications Commission came down hard on the cable TV industry. The FCC prohibited cable systems from bringing the signals of distant TV stations into the 100 largest U.S. television markets. At the same time, the agency barred cable TV systems from bringing into a city any program that duplicated a show being broadcast by a TV station in that city. Two years later, the FCC went even further by prohibiting the establishment of any more cable TV stations in any of the 100 major TV markets.

It was not until 1977 that the FCC moved to deregulate the cable TV industry, on the grounds

that the TV networks no longer needed much protection.

Despite the bonds that restrained it from growing rapidly in the early and mid-1970s, cable TV was becoming a structured industry. Actually, what the public generally refers to as cable TV might more appropriately be called the home entertainment industry. It includes filmed entertainment, which provides the programming; the cable TV system operators who transmit the programming to the home, and the equipment manufacturers. Equipment manufactured by the third segment of the industry includes transmission and decoding devices, videotape records and videodisk equipment.

Surprising though it may be, there is still no cable service available in parts of many major U.S. cities, and some cities have no cable TV at all. But these voids are gradually being filled. Last month, a franchise was awarded to Cablevision Systems to wire the entire city of Boston at an estimated cost of \$93 million. Despite this high initial expense, Cablevision expects to be making \$23 million a year from the Boston franchise within 10 years.

It is generally believed that by the end of this decade virtually every resident of the 100 major markets will be able to subscribe to a cable TV service. The reason this objective will not be achieved overnight is that it can take several years to build a franchise after the drawn-out process of selecting a franchisee has been completed.

It is important to note that there are several "tiers" of cable TV service. The first tier is simply the reception of TV signals via the cable. Additional tiers consist of various levels of programming — i.e., a sports channel, a movie channel,

an all-news channel. To get the additional tiers, subscribers pay an additional fee.

The tier concept has been successful. Initially, only about 25 percent of cable TV subscribers took the additional tiers of service. With the introduction of new services, this penetration has risen to about 75 percent — that is, 75 out of every 100 cable TV subscribers buy the additional programming. Some subscribers have taken more than one pay service despite the fact that there is frequently a duplication of the movies shown.

Another distinction that should be pointed out is that there are three types of cable and pay TV. One type transmits its programming over a cable. Another sends its signals over the air in scrambled form from a UHF television station; to unscramble the signal, a TV set must be equipped with a decoder. The third type transmits a scrambled signal direct from an orbiting satellite to viewers' homes.

Technological advances of cable systems will also enhance the attractiveness of cable TV. Recent prospective franchisees are promising interactive dual cable systems with 100 or more channels of capacity and a dozen or more pay channels. There is only enough product at present to utilize about 30 of those channels, but there are increasing numbers of programmers who are developing new product.

Cable companies are also developing more of their own programming. Tiering is allowing cable companies to target more specific audiences. Movies are packaged into those for general viewing, children, mature audiences, ethnic groups and various languages. Decoders are becoming more difficult to tamper with and most are now addressable.

Addressability allows the cable company to offer special pay programming on a per event basis just to those subscribers who are willing to pay to view it. These systems also allow cable companies to turn off delinquent subscribers until their bill is paid or add tiers of programming at the head-end.

The next generation of cable equipment will be interactive, or two-way. Initially, operators will offer a package of burglar/fire alarm and medical alert systems for a fee approaching that for the basic service and one pay program combined. Home banking, energy management and catalog shopping features could be next to become available.

Selected advertising is likely to increase in the future. Some networks are already advertiser-supported, and subscribers have indicated their willingness to accept some advertising. It has been difficult to match program lengths so that the next program begins on the hour or half hour, so advertising may be used as filler.

Cable television company equities have significantly outperformed the major market averages in recent years following their 1974-1975 lows. In addition to strong earnings growth, cable companies have been accorded even higher valuations on a per subscriber basis on the recent successes of pay television and the expected returns from premium pay services.

For those who value cable operations on a cash flow basis, the current heavy building schedule is resulting in an acceleration of cash flow. Buyers of cable companies are willing to pay up to 10 to 12 times the next 12 months' cash flow, from seven to eight times just two years ago. Again, the higher multiple of cash flow is being accorded because of the potential for generating incremental revenues as pay tiers are added.

In the last few weeks, cable television and related stocks have retreated about 20 percent from the 1981 highs. This is probably because of the cable issues' greater volatility compared with most other stock groups. A weak general market could be expected to result in a more significant pullback in cable issues, especially as they had been outperforming the market earlier in the year.

### PARIS TRADE FAIR

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phone directory with a visual screen on 2,500 volunteer households in Vevey. Various operations, including teletyping, mail orders, and ticket reservations can be carried out on the videotex terminals installed in the homes.

As far as office uses of "teletel" are concerned, telematics (a combination of the French words *telecommunications* and *informatics*) are now being used by banks and hotel chains and is now being extended to a new user category — farmers. Videotex machines giving precise weather reports as well as information on crop diseases may radically change the future for the farmer.

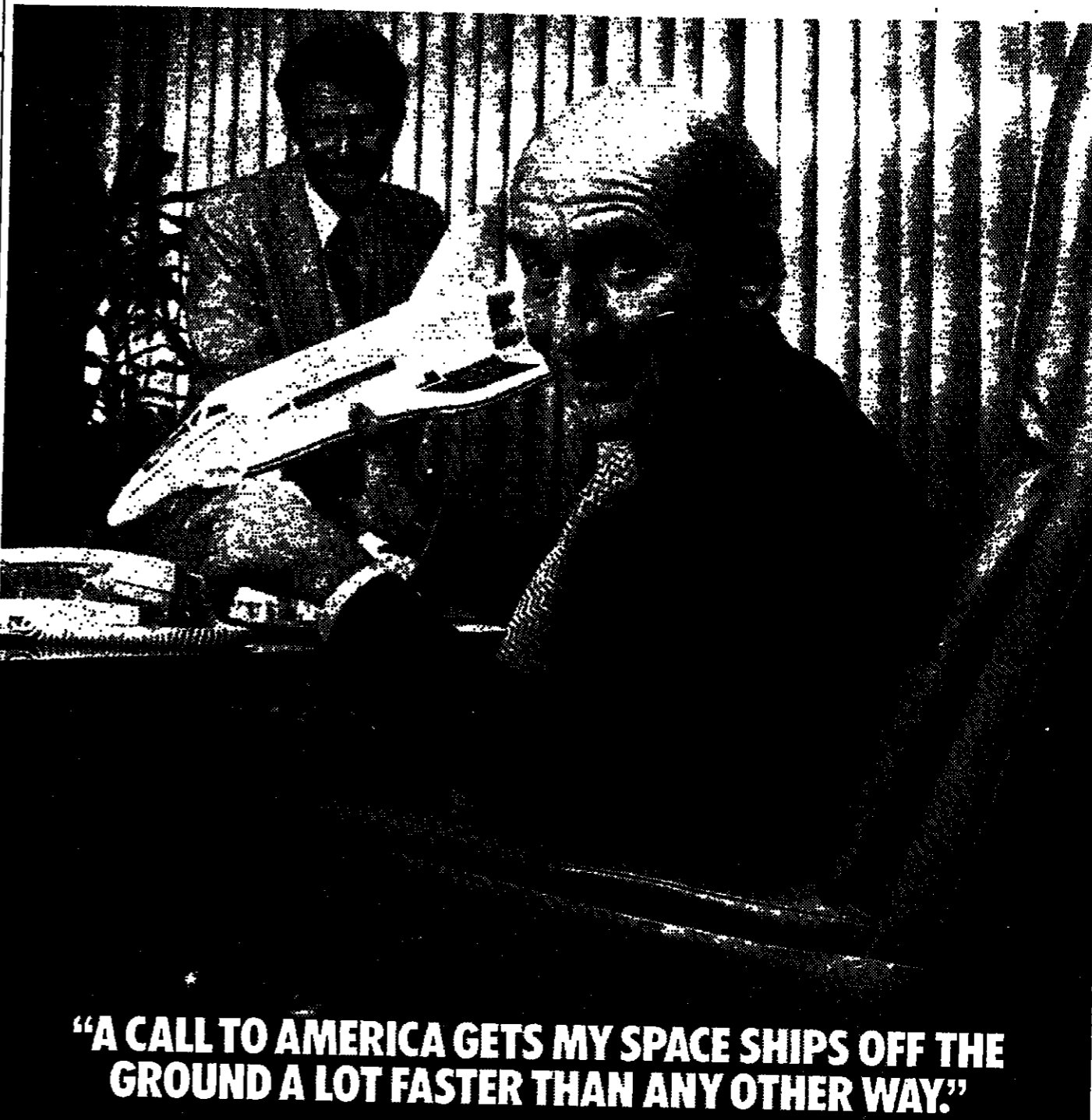
With between 30,000 and 60,000 standalone personal computers in France today, the success of the

SICOB Boutique, featuring all the innovations in this field, is hardly surprising. Ranging in price from 1000 francs (approximately \$200) to \$15,000, these personal computers can be used for everything from educational to just "fun" games to the teaching of drawing or music theory, and are also being used by certain liberal professions for their accounts.

Other data processing events during the Trade Fair included the *Convention Informatique* (Data Processing Conference) and Study and Application Days, the former for users and software companies, and the latter a meeting place for professionals.

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## Asians Look at European Industry

PARIS — "You could ride a bicycle through it" was the amused comment of Indonesian Doddy Herdianan as he toured the vast underground complex of the Tuileries Telephone Exchange in the heart of Paris.

Mr. Herdianan, of Indonesian State Telecommunications, was one of a group of 10 Asians who met with representatives from the French Post and Telecommunications as well as private manufacturers of telecommunications equipment during the first week of September. The group, composed of two representatives each from Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines and Singapore, is finishing a 10-month International Telecommunications Union project on the standardization of signaling systems in telecommunications networks in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations region that has taken participants to Sweden, Belgium, West Germany and Japan.

Swedish ITU project coordinator Lennart Soderberg said: "France was not our highest priority on the list of countries to visit, but the idea was to go to those countries having equipment."

Problems in the ASEAN countries vary, depending on the setup of the telecommunications industry, the economic level of the country and the specific problems in supplying equipment. "Our reason for planning to standardize signaling is that local systems are not acceptable within countries. So we want compatibility within the countries for exchanging information on the signaling side," said Renato C. Gendrano of Philippines Long-Distance Telecommunications. "In the Philippines, one problem we have is that the equipment is imported, before from the U.S. and now from Germany. This means constraints in meeting the demand from suppliers."

Malaysian Omar Bin Ismail of Jabatan Telekom said: "For us, the problem is one of distribution because long cables have to be run from the cities to the outlying regions. In addition to this, we sometimes can't provide the necessary service because towns and buildings are springing up so quickly."

Many members of the group, all of whom were selected by the governments of their respective countries for the project, were surprised by the developments in telecommunications in France. Mr. Gendrano said that, while the French are not nearly as well-represented as the Japanese and the Americans in the Philippines, he considers French software sophisticated and is impressed by French telematics (videotext, teletext and so on). He noted, however, that French telephone equipment was not in great demand in Asian countries.

Will the Asians buy French? Most preferred not to reply, agreeing with Mr. Soderberg that "we are here just to collect ideas. Our conclusions will be made in relation to the technology available, and the manufacturers chosen may depend on the choice of the governments involved."

"The information we received in France will certainly help us to better consider the best solution to the problem of standardization of signaling," said Visudt Pongpapong of the Telephone Organization of Thailand.

The fact-finding mission was organized by the Agency for Technical, Industrial and Economic Cooperation, a French organization that promotes industrial exchanges.

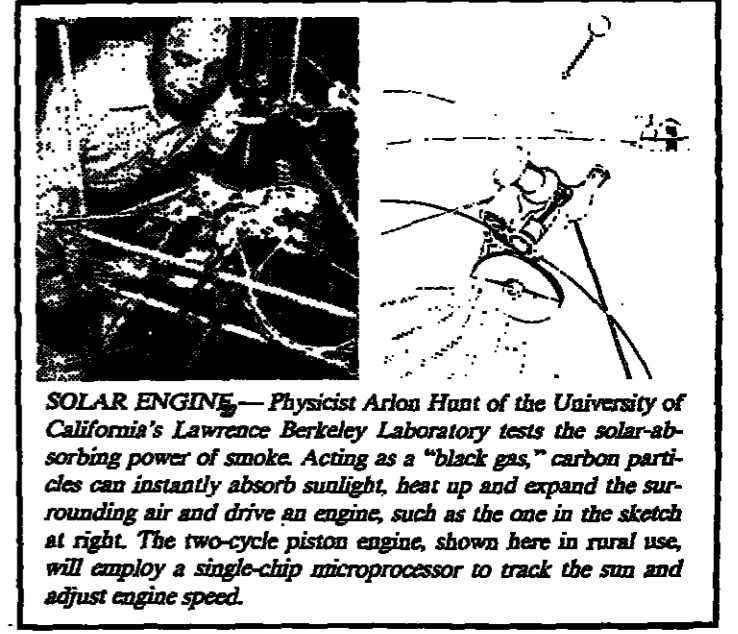
—H.W. ROCHEFORT



Jim Cox

manages the company's branch in Brussels, said: "Everything is changing so fast that it is almost impossible to look five years ahead — even two years is difficult." Nevertheless, Wang has developed a Digital Voice Exchange (DVX) system, which will allow a user to telephone someone and "speak" to that person even if he is not there by using recordings. The system could also be programmed to telephone several people and give them the same message, at the push of a button. Mr. Marchand said, "It's so new, you can't sell it. People say, 'I have my secretary for that — why do I need this?' But two years from now, when we're able to market this, they'll want more."

Craig Justice is an American journalist based in Europe.



SOLAR ENGINE — Physicist Arlon Hunt of the University of California's Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory tests the solar-absorbing power of smoke. Acting as a "black gas," carbon particles can instantly absorb sunlight, heat up and expand the surrounding air and drive an engine, such as the one in the sketch at right. The two-cycle piston engine, shown here in rural use, will employ a single-chip microprocessor to track the sun and adjust engine speed.

## Coordinating Word, Data, Audio and Visual

By Craig Justice

BRUSSELS — In 1945, a brainy 25-year-old Chinese student journeyed to America for graduate work at Harvard University. After the Communists emerged victorious from the civil war in his native land, he decided not to return. It was to be China's loss, for within a couple of years he had developed magnetic core memory, the device used for storing computer data.

International Business Machines bought the patent for \$500,000. The young inventor took the money and in 1950 founded a research laboratory, giving it his name: Wang.

Thirty-one years later, the Massachusetts-based Wang Laboratories Inc., which employs 13,000 people worldwide, has become a tough competitor for IBM (not to mention Xerox and International Telephone and Telegraph) in the field of small computers and office automation, thanks to the foresight of "the doctor" — as An Wang is called.

"The philosophy of Dr. Wang is to find a need and fill it with the best solution," said Fernand Marchand, manager of Wang's new International Telecommunications research center (ITRC) in Brussels. For Wang Inc., the "need" is identified as the completely unmet office, and the "solution" called for the manufacturing of word processors and small computers, which it began in 1972. Since then, Wang's growth has been phenomenal.

During the last five years, the company has grown at an annual

rate ranging from 40 percent to 60 percent, and revenue this fiscal year will exceed \$1 billion for the first time.

Wang is the leading producer of screen-based word-processing systems — combination typewriter and television-screen devices used for composing and writing manuscripts or letters.

In the data-processing market, Wang is in second place behind IBM in small business computers, priced at \$25,000 or less.

Wang is among the leaders in developing and implementing the latest telecommunications technology. Among the most innovative of these developments, announced earlier this year, is "Wangnet," an integrated information system that will coordinate the technologies of word, data, visual and audio processing within and between offices.

## First Stage

The first stage in the implementation of Wangnet will be "local networking," which will allow Wang equipment to work with other Wang equipment in the same building through connection to a single coaxial cable — containing at least three bands — capable of transmitting 64 kilobytes a second. This will be made available for purchase within the next year.

Secondly, Wang will introduce "remote networking," allowing Wang machines to work with other Wang machines in different locations. The final step will be to implement "Gateway," permitting Wang equipment to communicate

with non-Wang equipment in-house and beyond.

When the Wangnet becomes fully functional, it will provide capabilities such as video-conferences and "mailway," whereby a letter can be transmitted at speeds approaching that of light.

A major task for Wang is to implement the technology it has already developed. The telecommunications center in Brussels, opened on May 1, will serve this purpose. The ITRC evolved out of a smaller operation in Belgium with five people. Wang decided to upgrade this operation by investing \$1 million in the creation of a new center on the 12th floor of the Leopold Tower, using the former group of engineers as a nucleus. There are currently 15 researchers who work in three product lines: Virtual Storage Computers (VSC), Office Information Systems (OIS) and the Z200 computer group. There is also a group concerned with quality control. Plans call for expanding to a team of 30 within the next year, and once the center becomes fully operational its annual budget will be approximately \$1 million.

## Software

The software work involves creating what Mr. Marchand called "rather sophisticated" protocols — such as the X25 — to ensure that data is transmitted without error, and to devise protocols whereby different computers in Europe can be linked and "speak" the same language. The ITRC will also be developing protocols to permit the

transmission of data over the new, high-speed Teletex network and Packet-Switching networks.

According to Jim Cox, director of international products, Wang is placing special emphasis on its European market, which accounts for 25 percent to 30 percent of sales. One of the company's major research efforts, Mr. Cox said, is in the Teletex system, which Wang hopes will replace the slower Telex system.

## Obstacles

There are obstacles to introducing Teletex in the United States, he said, because the telephone network there is a good system, whereas "in Europe the costs are prohibitively expensive, or connections slow in coming." Although the unit costs of Teletex are higher than Telex or a dial-line, Mr. Cox predicted that there "will be a major change in European [post and telecommunications] tariffs, encouraging or forcing companies into Teletex. We are seeing it in Germany now, and will see it in the future in other European countries." He said that he foresaw similar developments in Australia, Canada and Japan.

Wang machines are capable of transmitting text in almost every language, including French, Chinese and Arabic. As for total machine translation, Mr. Cox said, "We haven't gotten as far as that — but we're working on it."

Long-term forecasting in telecommunications is nearly impossible. Dirk Anpoorter, who

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Agriculture May Have Started in Egypt

By Frederick M. Winship
NEW YORK — Evidence is mounting that the birth of agriculture took place in Africa 8,000 years before plants were domesticated in Mesopotamia...

without seasonal planting, which would indicate "human intervention," Wendorf said. There has been widespread agreement among scientists for the past 30 years that the process of controlled food production began in southwest Asia after the end of the last glacial age about 9,000 years ago...

spectrum of humanly nurtured plants," Wendorf said. "What we are finding here is how the interaction of man and plants began and that it began much earlier than we thought, in Africa—not Asia."

Lifestyles

Their Home Is Their Castle

By Kenneth Jantz
VIENNA — For nearly a thousand years, home is truly some people's castle. They live in Schönbrunn castle, a 285-year-old former summer residence of the Hapsburg monarchy...

of Hapsburg castles. "It's idyllic, that's the attraction." Pawlik's grandfather lived in the Hofburg, the sprawling winter palace and governing complex in the center of Vienna...

Occasionally she pointed through a doorway into the chandelied imperial rooms that are shown to tourists. "Just to show the contrast," she said. "I'm one of those who thinks tourists are a nice part of living here," she said.

The Paris Stage

Jean Anouilh Still Successfully Contemplating the World's Navel

By Thomas Quinn Curtiss
PARIS — Jean Anouilh at 71 remains the most popular French dramatist and the one whose works are most frequently performed abroad.



Playwright Anouilh

changed greatly, but he has moved with them, chronicling the fads, imbecilities and hypocrisies of the world stage, where fashions alter while fundamental stupidity endures. Few frauds or bluffers of the past four decades have escaped his slings and arrows...

He is played with magnificent gusto by Bernard Blier, limping about his atelier with bandaged foot, his plump neck emerging with turtle thrust from his billowing dressing gown, uttering sardonic witticisms and seeking to arrange his private affairs.

The Parisian theater season is ringing up its curtains swiftly. A set of success from the previous season have already been restored to the boards: Jacqueline Maillan in the Barillet-Grédy comedy "Potiche" at the Théâtre Antoine...

Hugo's "Marie Tudor." It will also revive two plays of La Belle Époque: Henri Becque's "Les Corbeaux," a sociological satire of avaricious lawyers laying hands on the inheritance of a credulous family...

Hotels

Waldorf-Astoria Turns 50

NEW YORK — The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel celebrated its 50th anniversary at the United States' most famous hotel Wednesday with a colossal birthday party featuring the "tallest birthday cake ever."

Dance

Sydney Company Tackles Jean Cocteau in 'Poppy' at Sadler's Wells

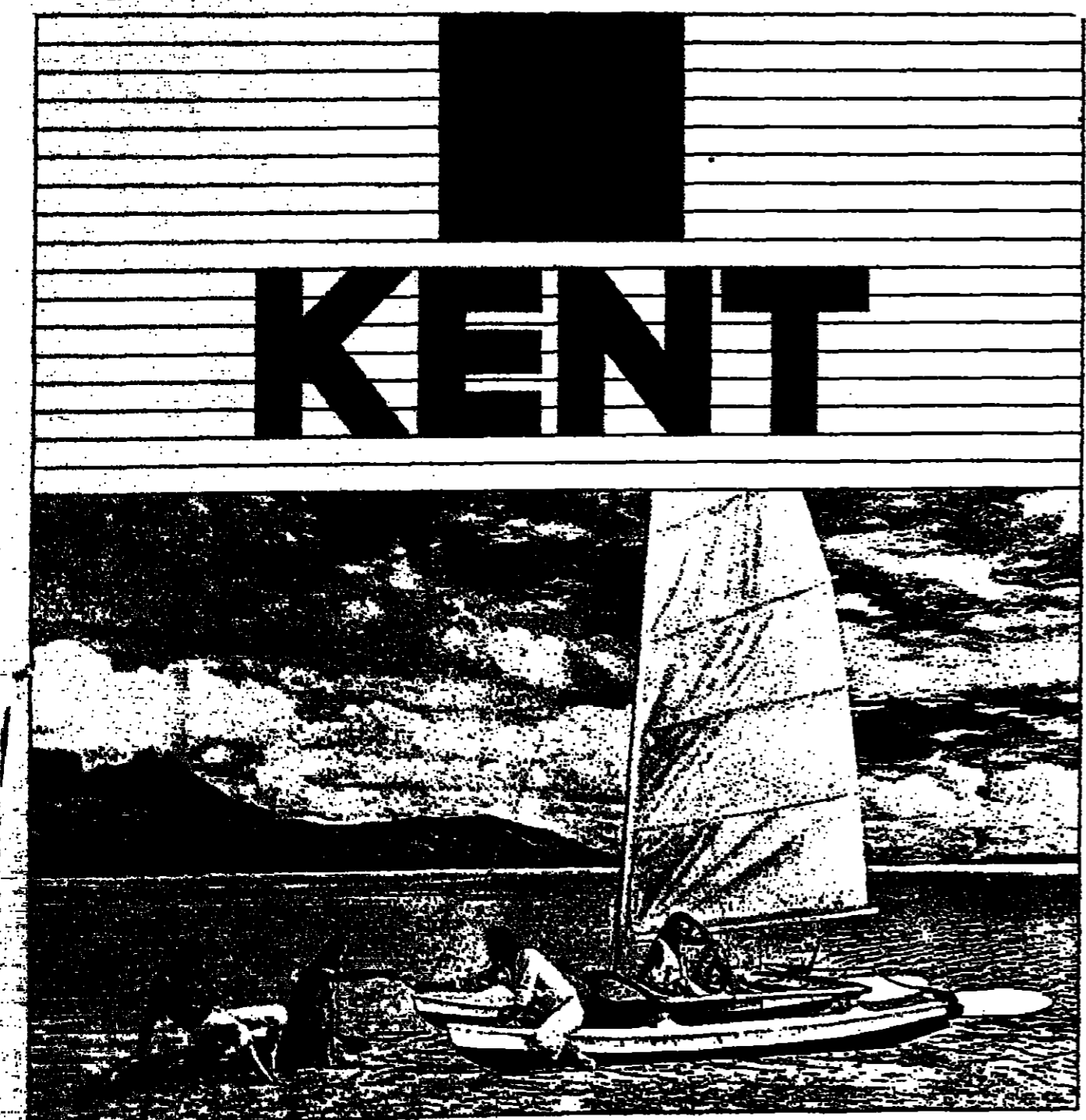
LONDON — Jean Cocteau, as poet and poseur, is the central figure in "Poppy," a two-act production by Graeme Murphy...

Arts Agenda

PARIS — The Comédie-Française will give a recital Oct. 7 of 8:30 p.m. at the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées, 15 Ave. Montaigne. The program, sponsored by the Paris Musical Association for Handicapped Children in cooperation with the Comédie-Française, will include works by Schubert, Liszt, Bartók, Albiniz and Glazounov.

Rubens Sketch Taken From Villa in Italy

VARESE, Italy — Burglars broke into a villa here overnight and stole nine paintings, three antique vases and a Rubens sketch of his painting "Rape of the Sabine Women," police reported Thursday.



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IBM to Restructure Entire Operation in U.S.

From Agency Dispatches ARMONK, N.Y. — Computer giant International Business Machines announced a corporate restructuring Thursday that analysts said was aimed at streamlining its marketing operations and preventing a loss of customers to its more nimble competitors.

Within the company, the change is expected to benefit personnel within the huge data processing division. The division produces the large, complex computers, known as mainframes, that are the cornerstone of IBM's business.

IBM All amounts in millions except per share net. Revenue 1980 1979 526,273 522,863

British Banks Increase Base Rates To 16% to Aid Beleaguered Pound

By Allan Barker LONDON — British banks lifted their base lending rates to 16 percent from 14 percent Thursday, the second sharp increase in two weeks encouraged by the authorities to tighten monetary policy and help the pound.

The decision, led by Barclays Bank, to raise the base rates from which all other lending rates in the economy are scaled, was in response to upward pressure on rates in the London money markets and high interest rates in other countries.

BUSINESS NEWS BRIEFS

GM Cuts Financing Rate for Small-Car Buyers DETROIT — General Motors, undercut in pricing by its domestic competitors, returned Thursday to offering reduced financing rates for buyers of its small, front-wheel drive cars.

Wall Street Prices Slightly Higher

From Agency Dispatches NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed slightly higher Thursday after moving in a narrow range all day as the market treaded water for a second day following the sharp run-up early in the week.

U.S. Factory Orders, Building Outlays Off

WASHINGTON — New orders received by U.S. manufacturers and construction spending both fell in August after posting gains in July, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

Hoechst Expects to Maintain Dividend in '81

FRANKFURT — Hoechst, the West German chemical giant, expects to pay an unchanged dividend of 7 Deutsche marks in 1981 despite falling profits due largely to rising raw material and energy costs, its management board chairman, Rolf Sammet, said Thursday.

Occidental Petroleum and Libya in a New Oil Deal

LOS ANGELES — Occidental Petroleum Corp. said Thursday it reached a new arrangement with Libya that ensures the company a "good profit" on its Libyan oil operations.

Xerox Raises U.S. Fees for Rentals of Copiers

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Xerox said Thursday that it will increase rental fees on its copiers and duplicators marketed in the United States by an average of 8 1/2 percent.

Manor Care Agrees to Share Offer for Cenco

NEW YORK — Manor Care Inc. said Thursday that it agreed to offer \$16.50 a share for Cenco Inc.'s common stock, and Cenco agreed to recommend that its shareholders accept the \$168-million bid.

Suit Filed to Bar Penn Central Bid for Colt

DALLAS — Texas billionaire W. Herbert Hunt announced Thursday that the stockholders' group for which he is chairman had filed suit against Penn Central Corp. to block its \$1.4 billion bid for Colt Industries.

U.S. Agency Acts to Limit Size of Commodity Holdings

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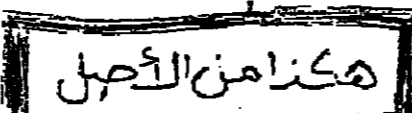
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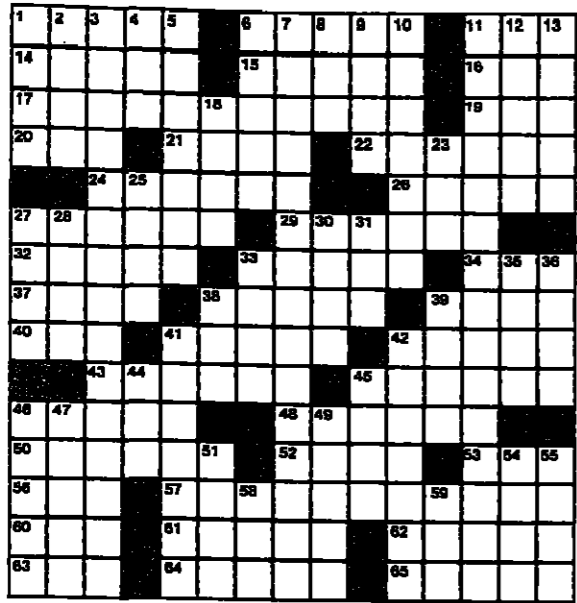
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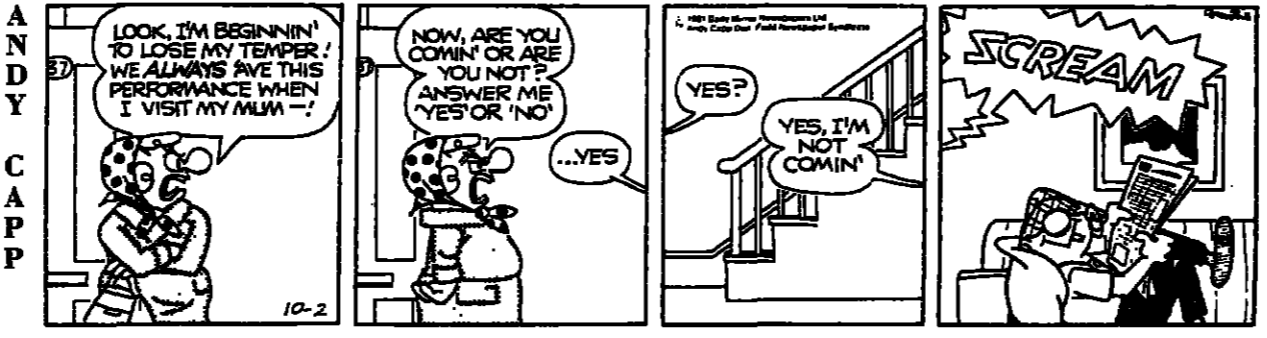
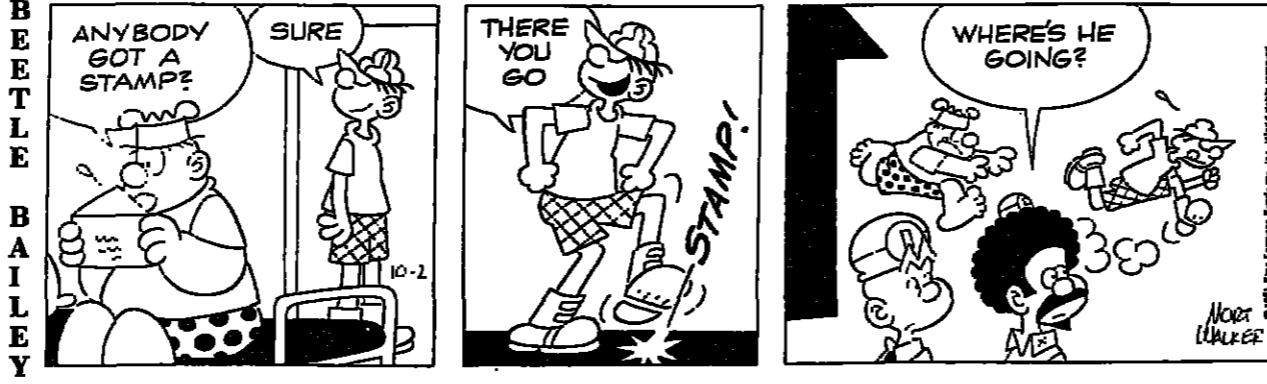
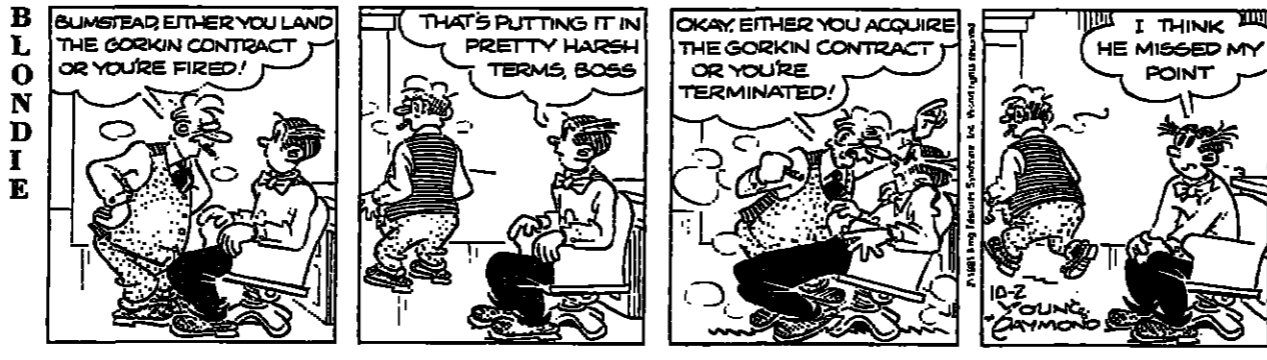
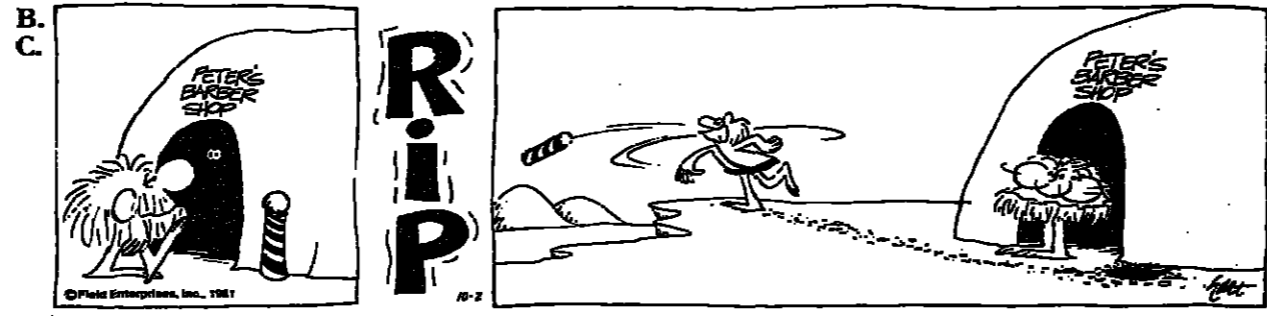
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SECOND CHANCE

By Stephani Cook. 377pp. \$13.95. Simon and Schuster, 1230 Ave. of the Americas, New York 10020.

Reviewed by Laurel Lee

IN her early twenties, Stephani Cook had already achieved the glittering externals. She had graduated from a prestigious college and, as a model, had seen her face on the covers of magazines. She had married a Wall Street businessman, and had given birth to two children. Then her golden life began to deteriorate.

Stephani Cook was not happy. The routines of married life bored her, and she felt the press of self-denial involved in raising small children. Unknown to her family, she closed herself off at night to weep in the bathroom.

"Howling at the white tiles as I progressively lost control and responsive, sobbing and gurgling into yards of toilet paper I never bothered to detach from the roll, loathing myself for all this neurotic need coming to the surface like scum... I was rotting from the inside out."

Then she began to suffer sudden random chest pains, but they seemed to her physician to be only psychological spots of postpartum depression following her son's birth, and signs of her own discontent. Since doctors are the ringmasters of the body, she agreed.

"I obediently rummaged through the tangled circuits of my head, suspecting shorts or bad connections, sniffing for burnt-out junction boxes."

She felt relieved when she could enter the doctor's office with the tangible symptom of a bloody discharge. But even after a series of tests and hospitalizations, her maddeningly eluded the physicians. All but one of the doctors who treated her are named in this book only by an initial; they take no more substance than the single letter of their last names. They are portrayed as distant, arrogant, and in her case, inefficient.

Sinister Dark Blotches

The medical team pursued the malady through a D & C, a procedure that scrapes tissue from the uterine wall. Her extreme chest pains would be relieved through a regime of antibiotics. When the symptoms eluded all treatment and a further batch of chest X-rays showed an increase of sinister dark blotches, it was determined that blood clots, or emboli, were being manufactured by her body, and in sweeping through her veins, were endangering her life.

In the institutional bed, Cook spent her days imagining how she would

like to be loved. Her physician, Len, responded and initiated an affair. At the same time, her prescribed drugs were proving ineffective against the increasing incidence of emboli. The doctors were unanimous in supposing that the clots were coming from veins that surround the ovaries. The cure would be a radical hysterectomy, with her lover as the surgeon.

The surgery brought a total immersion in pain. She sank into dimensions of discomfort that gave a body and weight to sufferings of her mind. Cook began to believe that this suffering would burn away the debts she owed to her family, and resolved to return to her duties at home, and be content. But she began to experience further symptoms, and was hospitalized. The medical staff determined that immediate open-heart surgery was required, as the continuing build-up of emboli was threatening massive assault to the heart. After the operation, tests showed that the clots were fragments of a tumor. Her symptoms had always been those of a rare form of cancer; a simple analysis could have diagnosed the correct disease two years earlier.

Illness had become an occupation by this time. The world had become a kind of narrow shelf, elevated above the cares of daily life. There was a pillow of drugs that could absorb some of the pain and terror, and there was the ever-present threat of rolling off the shelf and being bundled into eternity. Cook's getting well, feared climbing down from her narrow shelf and resuming the full load of adult responsibility that health would require of her.

When chemotherapy finally arrested all evidence of the disease, she went home. The book at this point makes its circle. But contentment still eludes her, and she writes, "What I should have known was that to be cured is not necessarily to be healed." After agonizing between the internal voices of desire and duty, Cook decides to divorce her husband. Now single, she begins her life again.

"Second Chance" captures portions of the soul and pins them to the page. The author has a skill with the written word that makes vivid her physical and mental sufferings. Her language is rich with insights and imagery.

As another cancer patient in remission, I can appreciate the precision of Cook's account. We both have endured the countless hospitalizations; we both have been classified as terminal. We both know how the process we make about what we'll do with our lives are intertwined with the thread of our fears.

Cook, like myself, has had her life returned to her for its season. What concerns me is that she has forgotten, or lacked the power, to make her character match her talent as a writer. I wonder if Stephani Cook will ever learn to know joy, if she will ever come to respect herself.

Laurel Lee is the author of "Walking Through the Fire: A Hospital Journey" and "Signs of Spring."

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

SOME types of play are familiar to the expert but little known to the average player. One of these is the intra-finesse, in which a declarer tackles a suit in unusual fashion in order to prepare for a pinning maneuver. Another is the lead of a low card from a doubleton honor during the defense.

Two Swedish players brought off these moves on the same deal, in a match against Ireland in the 1981 European Championship. They were playing in different rooms and combined to turn a likely loss, due to inferior bidding, into a profit. The deal, shown in the diagram, was reported by Phillip Alder, the editor of England's Bridge magazine. It will be a candidate for the 1981 Bols Brilliance Prize contest conducted by the International Bridge Press Association.

The right contract for North-South is clearly three no-trump, and this was missed by the Swedes. After a conventional auction in which both players neglected a series of opportunities to bid three no-trump, Anders Morstam, North, and Hans Goethe, South, stumbled into what it is tempting to describe as a morass.

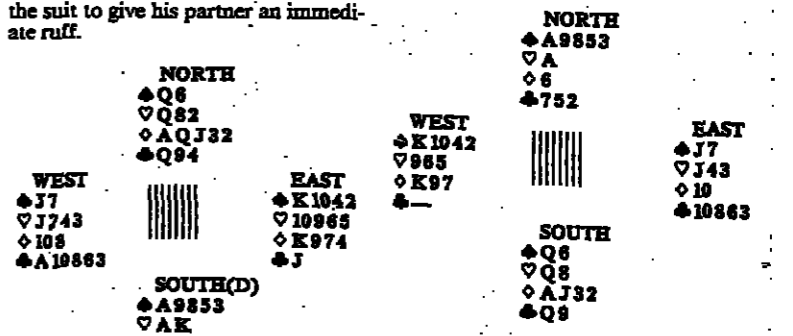
Matters deteriorated further, from the Swedish angle, when the Irish West led the club ace and continued the suit to give his partner an immediate ruff.

hope that East held the crucial king, and on that assumption he made an abnormal play: He led the spade eight for a deep finesse.

He was playing for West to have the jack or ten, and was happy with the outcome. East won with the ten and led another heart. South won, crossed to the diamond ace and threw his remaining diamond on the heart queen. Finally, he administered the coup de grace by leading the spade coup de grace by leading the spade queen. Since this pinned the jack, it did not matter whether or not East covered and the contract was made.

In the replay, the bidding began identically, but at his second turn North bid a simple and effective three no-trump to reach the right contract. North was now the declarer, and the reader may find it helpful to stand on his head to follow the proceedings.

The Swedish defenders were Tommy Gullberg, East, and Per-Olov Sundelin, West. The opening heart lead was won in the dummy, and the diamond queen was finessed. East ducked smoothly, and a low club was led to the jack, king and ace. The position, inverted for convenience to place the declarer at the bottom of the diagram, was now this:



WEST led the club ace.

A neat shift left South on lead with plenty to think about. The normal way to handle trumps was to lead to the queen in the hope that West held the king. But if West held that card, he would gain the lead and give his partner another club ruff to beat the contract. So, South had to

With a routine heart return, the declarer would have had no trouble. He would have won in dummy and perched with diamonds. Eventually, he would score three tricks in each red suit, the spade ace and, by finessing the nine, two club tricks.

However, West made the only return to set the declarer a problem: the spade seven. The declarer misjudged by putting up the queen and the defense was in control. The spade king and ace were played, and the declarer repeated the diamond finesse. This time East produced his king and led a spade to his partner's jack.

Back in dummy with a heart return, the declarer missed successfully in held that card, he would gain the lead and give his partner another club ruff to beat the contract. So, South had to

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PEOPLE: SEC Sues Carlo Ponti For Alleged Film Fraud

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has filed suit against the film producer Carlo Ponti, husband of the actress Sophia Loren, and two of his business associates, charging that they misled and defrauded investors in five film production partnerships.

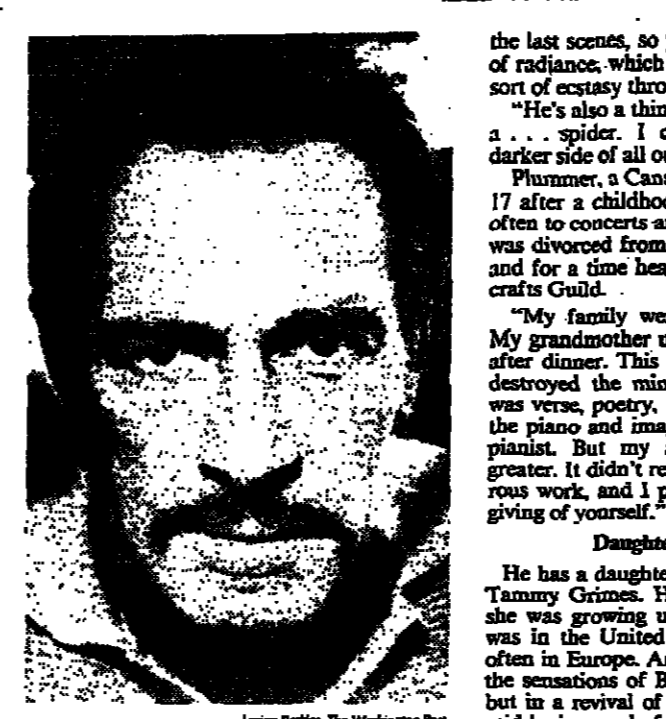
The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Chicago, charged that the three men faked documents showing that the partnership owned loans from a company owned by Ponti. The loans were to provide the majority of the budgets for films produced by the partnerships — "Popoie and Company," "Cry Onion," "The Baby Sitter," "Flower in His Mouth" and "Nurse Anna." According to the SEC, members of the partnerships were promised net profits about equal to their original investments and tax deductions as large as four times that amount.

It was not billed as a roman à clef, but James E. Pritchard says that Stephen King's novel "The Shining" was just one of the many other titles that were published by the novel and the horror film made from it were based on details of her life that she confided to a psychiatric social worker while in therapy from 1972 to 1978. She said the social worker passed on the information to King, who used it in his book without her consent.

About 30 friends and neighbors in Provincetown, Mass., were on hand to help Beverly Miller, one of the former wives of the writer Norman Mailer, load her possessions onto a rented truck after she was evicted from her Cape Cod home. Sheriff's deputies took control of the home after Mrs. Mailer lost a legal battle with Mailer and the Internal Revenue Service over a home she sold by the IRS in 1979 as partial payment of back taxes.

Christopher Plummer 'Othello's Iago, the Purty Of Evil' and Other Scenes

By Megan Rosenfeld Washington Post Service



Actor Plummer: Don't read.

WASHINGTON — Christopher Plummer admits that there have been a few times in his career when he truly hated an audience. During performances at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival (which sponsored the current Baltimore production of "Othello") in which he plays Iago, he recalled, people would often come equipped with a text which they would proceed to read during the performance.

"It's perfectly all right, I suppose, except that the moment you stop speaking they look up, and when you start speaking they look down again. Very annoying.

"I've got very angry with someone who was sitting in the front row. He was very conspicuous because he was also wearing this white suit. He looked fairly well-to-do, and I was very angry with him because he looked like a man who should know better. And I picked a moment at the end of a soliloquy — it was at the end of an act in 'King John' — and I flicked his book into the air with my sword. And I got a tremendous round of applause and the man left the theater immediately to our great relief.

"But at the end he had left the sweetest and most apologetic note, apologizing for the fact that he didn't realize we could see him, apologizing for disturbing us, said he didn't know the play. I felt awful. I tried to search him out and write back, because I'd done a very violent act, and I found out he was in jail. He'd been in some diamond smelter, which sounded fascinating, and they'd thrown him into some prison without bail.

"So I gave up following these little incidents. I didn't want to know about people's lives; they sounded much more dramatic than what we were doing on stage. I was quite envious."

the last scene, so you have to supply a kind of radiance, which I try desperately to do. A sort of ecstasy through evil.

"His eyes also a thing, I like to think of him as a spider. I certainly think he is the darker side of all our patterns."

Plummer, a Canadian, went on the stage at 17 after a childhood in which he was taken often to concerts and plays. His mother, who was divorced from his father, was "artistic," and for a time headed the Canadian Handicrafts Guild.

"My family were very well-read people. My grandmother used to love reading aloud after dinner. This was before television had destroyed the mind. My whole upbringing was verse, poetry, books — words. I studied the piano and imagined myself as a concert pianist. But my attraction to words was greater. It didn't require all that lonely tortuous work, and I preferred it because it was giving of yourself."

He has a daughter by his first marriage to Tammy Grimes. He saw little of her while she was growing up, he has said, since she was in the United States and he was most often in Europe. Amanda Plummer was one of the sensations of Broadway, making her debut in a revival of "A Taste of Honey." He said he is proud of her, but maintains a "discreet distance." If her play is still running in February and "Othello" finds a theater, they may both be on Broadway.

The actor he most respects is Sir Ralph Richardson, not just for his artistry but for his "extreme integrity." He became quite fond of Richardson when he became quite selfish and lonely, having not thrown himself early enough into the rest of life. One understands why, but it is possible to do both. I watch that carefully.

His other life is focused on a consuming interest in real estate. With his wife, Elaine Taylor, he buys and restores old houses and then sells them. "My wife is extraordinarily good at decorating. I'm the one who says, 'Take that wall or that ceiling that's calling.' I choose all the floors. And I'm fascinated by landscaping — that's my new interest."

Over the years — Plummer met his wife when they both had parts in "Look Up Your Daughters," a film Peter Coe directed in 1961 — they have done eight houses in Europe and the United States, moving most recently into a home in Connecticut.

"I've never done one from scratch," he said. "But I'm determined to do that before I get too old and settled."

Observer Ringing Up the Past

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — The more advanced technology becomes, the more it baffles me. Take the telephone company's latest electronic miracle, which I recently had installed in a moment of weakness.

"Connect yourself with the past," the literature urged. "Phone back across the ages. Now, through the miracle of electronics telephone Abraham Lincoln on the eve of the battle of Gettysburg. Use our time-dissolving international punch-button code to ring Napoleon Bonaparte in exile on Elba. For a slight additional monthly charge, you can also make conference calls and hold three-way conversations with people like Grover Cleveland, Lucretia Borgia and thousands of others."

Well, it was new technology, wasn't it? Also I wanted to talk to Henry James. I was reading Chapter 17 of a Henry James novel and wanted to know if anything was going to happen before the end of the book.

"I punched the time code and the area code and the number listed for Henry James. A woman answered. "Virginia Woolf here," said a distinctly English voice.

"You've dialed the wrong time code. This is 1929," she said. "Try 1899."

Unabashed, I punched the buttons again. "Yes," said a masculine voice. Yes, Henry James was the name.

"You don't know me, Mr. James. But I live up here in 1981. How're things going? You had any rain lately back there?"

"I trust you will excuse me," he said, "but I know you as exquisite that I knew he was the real Henry James. But I happen to be writing Chapter 35 of my new novel and would prefer not to be interrupted by requests for meteorological reports.

"Anything happen in Chapter 35?" I asked.

With the author's irresistible enthusiasm for his own work, Henry James suddenly became voluble.

"I was thinking about the miracle of technology when you called. I sensed he was struggling to overcome some embarrassment. Moreover, he sensed that I sensed it, for he said, 'I sense that you sense my sense of embarrassment, so I might as well put the question bluntly. You are telephoning from 1981, you say. Be good enough to tell me: What are you doing there?'

"Calling up people in the past. Thanks to the miracle of technology I can get Abraham Lincoln and Lucretia Borgia on a conference call right now. Like to talk to them?"

"Don't you have anything to do up there in 1981?" he said.

"So I told him about the miracles of technology. I had plenty to do. By flipping a switch I could condition the air. Twisting a dial allowed me to watch grown men playing boys' games thousands of miles away. Activating my computer, I could obtain the reading on my bank balance. Adjusting my video screen, I could play a game with little electronic figures while headphones clamped to my ears pumped music directly into my skull. With miraculous pills I could deaden my senses or achieve visions and fantasies."

He interrupted. "But what do you do there?" he repeated. "Don't you have anything to do?"

I sensed that he sensed people at 1981 didn't know what they were doing here. I told him as much.

"You sense wrong," he said. "I sense that you pass your time playing with toys because you have nothing you believe to be worth doing."

I suddenly sensed it too, and what's more I sensed that he sensed that I sensed it, for when I tried to bluff it out by asking, "How's the family these days?" he hung up with the most exquisite courtesy.

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